## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: AMENDMENT TO LOCAL CIVIL RULE 40.1(b)(3)(B)

## ORDER

AND NOW, this \_/3td\_day of May, 2008, it appearing that this Court is vested with authority, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§2071(e), 2077 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 83, to promulgate Local Civil Rules not inconsistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and applicable statutes, it is hereby

ORDERED that Rule 40.1(b)(3)(B) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure, Assignment of Court Business, is amended as follows:

All habeas corpus petitions filed by the same individual shall be deemed related. All habeas corpus petitions, pro se civil rights actions and social security appeals filed by the same individual shall be deemed related to a prior case filed in the same category of federal question cases. All pro se civil rights actions by the same individual shall be deemed related.

It is further

ORDERED that amended Rule 40.1(b)(3)(B) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure, as set forth above, is approved and adopted, effective immediately in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §2071(e), with public notice and an opportunity for comment on the amended rule afforded for a period of 30 days from the date of this order. It is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of Court transmit a copy of amended Local Civil Rule 40.1(b)(3)(B) to the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the Judicial Council of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and make said Rule available to the bar and public.

FOR THE COURT:

HARVEY BARTLE III,

Chief Judge